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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My name is Lewis Besze, I live in Petaluma CA, I write this because I favor competition in the telecom industry specifically the broadband segment. While free market solutions are my preferred way to do things sometimes sensible regulations from government is a must to counter monopolies and duopolies. The telecom industries are a prime example of of this. US telecom a trade association recently proposed a petition that wants to eliminate access of unbundled network elements from some broadband providers that uses these networks that is crucial for their business and their customers like me. This is the much talked about "last mile" of copper that actually enters our homes and businesses. I'm a Sonic subscriber, and Sonic uses AT&T wires to provide service for me. If the petition from US Telecom were to be successful, I would lose Sonic as provider and would be left with AT&T as the only solution which would be devastating from my perspective as AT&T on the same wires provide far slower service, and far worse customer support as well. I urge you to say no to their petition and simply preserve the current standing of the 1996 telecommunication law that permits competitive usage of the unbundled network elements that affords people like me to have at least one other provider in my area, which is considered "rural" even though I'm barely 4 miles away from downtown Petaluma a town with 70 000 residents.

Thanks for your time.

Lewis Besze